Cess on coal collected from consumers

535. SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of cess on coal collected so far from consumers by the public sector coal companies in different parts of the country and how much of the same has been handed over to the respective State Governments; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to pass on the amount thus collected to the concerned State Governments at the earliest, in view of the resentments expressed by various State Governments about the non-payment thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of Contaminated Water in Hotel Corporation of India

536. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the kitchen of the Hotel Corporation of India had been found to be using contaminated water in the preparation of its meals to be served to passengers on board;

(b) if so, when was this detected;

(c) whether any responsibility in this regard has been fixed, if so, what action has been taken against those found guilty; and

(d) what steps have been taken to check the recurrence of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) During a routine check on 20-11-90 five samples were taken for examination and one of them was found to be below the prescribed standards. Subsequent testing from the same outlet was found to be satisfactory.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Samples of food, water and general hygiene in Chefair are checked at regular intervals.

Vayudoot service in Maharashtra

537. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay-Aurangabad-Nanded Vayudoot service has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) Vayudoot has been rationalising its route network in order to reduce its mounting losses and utilise its fleet in a more efficient manner. As a result, the number of stations in its network has been cut down from about 104 to 48 now. The operations to Nanded have been discontinued as a part of this rationalisation of Viyudoot's operations.

Health Services in Rural and Urban Areas

538. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SIKANDER BAKHAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of Government hospitals in urban and rural areas of the country;

(b) what is the ratio of doctors in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(c) what is the outlay provided for Eighth Five Year Plan to bring health services in rural areas at par with urban areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) and (b) As per the available information, the ratio of Government hospitals in urban and rural areas of the country is 2.76:1 as on 01.01.1990. No data of doctors working in the rural areas are available. However, as per the information available in this Ministry, a total of 23,832 doctors are working in the rural areas as on 01.01.1991.

(c) The outlay in respect of the allocations for Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. However for the first year of the Eighth Five Year Plan i.e. 1990-91 total allocation of Rs. 335.52 Crores has been made under Health Sector of Minimum Needs Programme for rural health.

Non-Receipt of Electricity Bills in Aram Bagh Government Colony

539. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 919 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the consumers of Block No. 170 in Aram Bagh Government Colony are regularly receiving bills from DESU;

(b) if not, since when these bills have not been issued; and

(c) by when these electricity bills are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c) According to DESU, the electricity billing work in respect of Block No. 170 Aram Bagh Government Colony is by and large upto date. The concerned consumers have been issued the bills for the billing cycle of February. 1991.

Demands of the Indian Institute of Science Employees' Association Bangalore

540. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 19th December, 1990 was received from Indian Institute of Science Employees' Association, Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demands contained in the memorandum; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In a letter dated 19.12.1990 from the General Secetary of the Indian Institute of Science Employees Association addressed to Shri Samar Mukherjee, Member of Parliament which was forwarded to Government by the Hon'ble Member, the Association has represented that Scheme Employees at the Institute are not being provided service benefits such as provident fund, bonus, medical reimbursement, travelling allowance, confirmation in permanent cadre etc.

(c) The contents of the Associations letter have been brought to the notice of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore which is a deemed University and is managed by an independent Governing Council. According to information furnished by the Institute, meetings of the Negotiating Committee of the Institute with the employees are held regularly at periodcal intervals and the employees